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### Castle Rocks

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Idaho's newest state park features giant granite spires known collectively as Castle Rocks. Congress authorized the National Park Service to purchase Castle Rock Ranch in November 2000. The Park Service is trading the ranch and its access to the geological area to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation for land it owned inside Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument.

Some of the geologic features are outside the park, but within the Castle Rocks Interagency Recreation Area. The department has partnered with the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to manage recreation in all of Castle Rocks.



#### Directions to Park

Fifty miles south of Burley on routes 27 and 77 to Oakley and Almo, 2 miles north of Almo on the Elba-Almo Road, then west 1.4 miles on 2800 South (Big Cove Ranch Road)


[Park Map](#)

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Almo, ID



10:46 AM MST  
Mostly Cloudy  
32°F  
S 10 MPH


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This park is still under

#### What to See

The 1,240-acre ranch includes examples of early 20<sup>th</sup> Century ranching structures, irrigated pasture and striking scenery. Some spires rival nearby City of Rocks National Reserve, and offer exceptional rock climbing. Other recreational opportunities include picnicking, hiking, equestrian trails, and wildlife viewing. Mule deer, mountain lion, big-bighorn sheep, and the state's first record of ringtail can be found here. Bird watching is superb, with nesting populations of common snipe, sandhill crane and sage grouse frequently encountered.

The park also protects some of the most pristine archeological sites in southern Idaho. Evidence suggests that Castle Rocks was favored by different cultures over the previous 2,470 years. Portions of the park are included in the City of Rocks National Historic Landmark.

#### Camping

There is primitive camping available nearby in the City of Rocks National Reserve.

#### What to Expect

The park currently operates from 8 am to 10 pm. A motor vehicle entrance fee is charged. **All visitors must register before entering the natural area beyond the contact center.** Parking is limited, and some visitors may experience delays on weekends before being

development. You can contact the park manager to let him know what facilities you might like to see there.



Acreage	Elevation
1,240	6,500
Camping	Trails
Primitive camping available at nearby City of Rocks	Hiking
	Mountain Biking
	Equestrian
Activities	
World-Class Rock Climbing	
Sightseeing	
Exceptional Bird Watching	

permitted entry. Over the next few years the department will be working with the general public, recreation user groups, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service to decide the appropriate level of facilities and activities in the entire recreation area. If you would like to make comment, please write the Park Manager.

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